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SKETCH OF THE LIVES

OF

HARMANUS BLEECKER

AND

SEBASTIANA CORNELIA COSTER;

WITH A HISTORY OF THE

GIFT OF THE "BLEECKER FUND"

TO THE

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

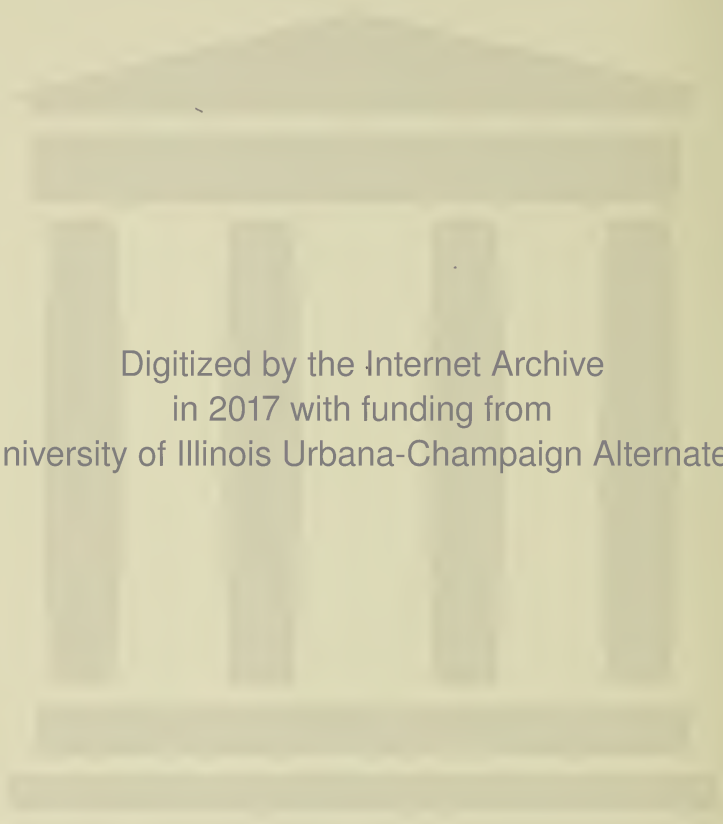
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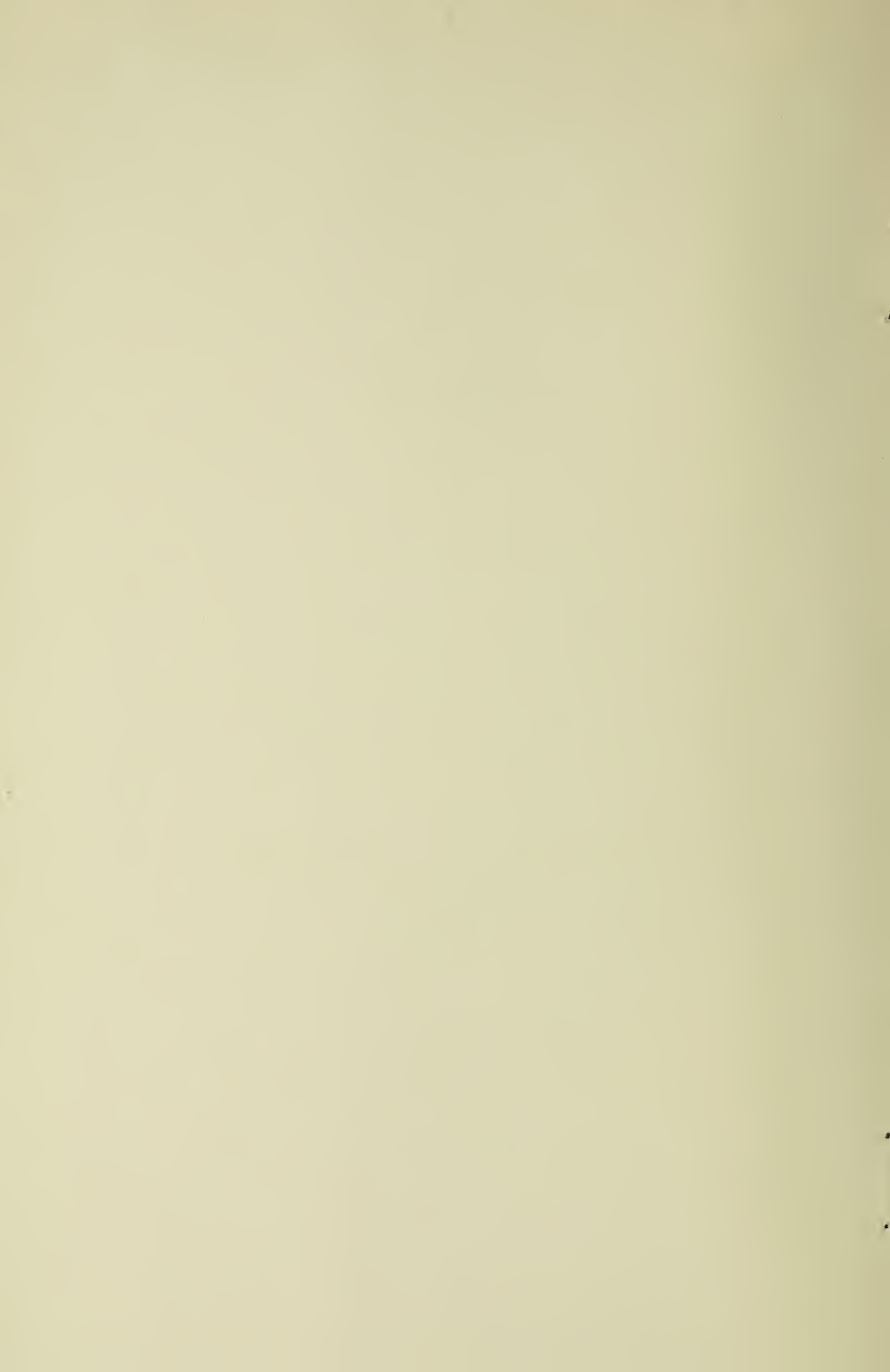
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HISTORY OF THE Y. M. A.

The Young Men's Association is the oldest institution of the kind in the country.

In the *Argus* and *Journal* of November 30, 1833, appeared the following notice:

"A meeting of the young men of this city, favorable to the formation of a Society for Debate and Mental Improvement, will take place at the Temperance House, North Market street, to-morrow evening at seven o'clock."

John J. Hill wrote the notice. "The Temperance House" stood where the Delavan now stands. The meeting was held. The attendance was small, but those present were in earnest. John J. Hill is the only man now living who was there. Plans were presented and discussed; a committee to prepare an address to the young men of the city was appointed, and an adjournment to December 4th, was voted.

At this adjourned meeting, this committee, consisting of Henry Hart, then a teacher in the Albany Female Academy, father of the well-known Bret Harte, John J. Hill and others, reported an address which was adopted. This paper soon secured about two hundred signatures.

On the evening of December 10th, 1833, a third meeting was held in the Mayor's Court Room, City Hall. The attendance was large; Charles A. Hopkins was called to the chair; William Green and Sidney Sawyer were the secretaries. It resulted in a committee to draft a constitution and nominate officers.

The original constitution, prepared by Amos Dean, is still preserved in the safe of the Association, signed by about seven hundred and fifty names. It is an interesting document, containing, as it does, the names of most of the young men who

were the glory of the city fifty years ago, many of whom have since been its leading citizens in every department of enterprise and honor.

The first election took place December 13th, resulting in the choice of Amos Dean for president; Robert E. Ward, William Jackson, Robert L. Kearney, vice-presidents; Theodore Olcott, treasurer; William Green, recording secretary; John Van Schaick, corresponding secretary; Philo K. Cole, Daniel Campbell, William Parmelee, Sidney Sawyer, Walter R. Bush, Denison Worthington, Samuel M. Woodruff, Charles Woodhouse, William E. Bleecker and Henry Hart, managers.

The board met for organization the next morning after election, December 14th, in the supervisors' room, City Hall, and meetings were held daily for many days afterward. Almost the first act of the executive committee was to sign the following agreement:

"We agree to become jointly responsible, equally with each other for all sums of money, expended by our order, for the Young Men's Association of Mutual Improvement, while we continue members of the executive committee."

Knickerbocker Hall then stood on Broadway, between Maiden Lane and State street, where Corning's hardware store formerly stood, and in it the Young Men's Association found its first home. A reading room was started and lectures arranged — the board becoming personally responsible for rent, furniture and other expenses.

The lecture course met with much favor and was productive of good results. The Association was incorporated under an act of the Legislature, March 12, 1835, chapter 31. Acts in reference to the Association were passed April 24, 1872, chapter 341; March 23, 1877, chapter 62; May 9, 1878, chapter 236.

Its declared purpose is that of "establishing and maintaining a library room, reading room, literary and scientific lectures and other means of promoting moral and intellectual improvement."

The first annual meeting was held at Knickerbocker Hall, February 3, 1834. This hall was occupied by the Association until 1840, when rooms were taken in the Exchange Building, State street, standing where the Government Building now is;

and remained there until 1852, when the removal to the Commercial Bank building took place.

In this latter building, they occupied not only a library and reading room, but also a hall, where public entertainments were frequently given, and which was known for many years as "Association Hall."

In 1870 the Association removed to Martin Hall, on South Pearl street. During this time, the institution was not prosperous. It became somewhat involved financially, and required a united public effort to place it again upon a solid foundation. More instrumental in strengthening the Association at this time, than any thing else, was the offer of Hon. John V. L. Pruyn, as trustee of the estate of the late Harmanus Bleeker, of a lease, for a term of years to the Association, of the property on North Pearl, Steuben and Chapel streets. This offer was accepted. Under it the Association secured comfortable and commodious library and reading rooms, and an income from rentals, which gave to the Association its rent free. This property was first occupied under this lease, in May, 1877. Judge Amasa J. Parker as successor to John V. L. Pruyn, renewed the lease at its expiration, and the Association has since been steadily growing in strength and usefulness.

On January 7, 1888, all of the real estate occupied and leased by the Association was conveyed to the Y. M. A., and it now lives in its own building through the generosity and public spirit of Harmanus Bleeker and the citizens of Albany. On Wednesday evening, December 12, 1883, the public exercises of the semi-centennial anniversary were held in the Leland Opera House. Hon. Henry R. Pierson, presided. The exercises consisted of an Address of Welcome by Oren E. Wilson, president Y. M. A.; Historical Address, Hon. Samuel Hand; Poem, William H. McElroy, Esq.; Oration, Hon. Stewart L. Woodford.

Among those in attendance upon this occasion was Rev. Charles Woodhouse, one of the founders of the institution and a member of its first Executive Committee. The Young Men's Debating Society, under the management of the Association, continued from January 11, 1834, to January 25, 1856.

Lecture courses, for many years free to the members, were sustained from the first. Local talent was employed, and often

the most attractive speakers from abroad were secured on payment of their personal expenses.

It is worthy of note that few men living since 1833, of eminent ability to interest and instruct popular audiences, can be named, who have not appeared on the platform of this Association. Fees for attending lecture courses were first taken in 1854-5.

The Association has had many generous gifts in books, periodicals, money, furniture, pictures, free lectures and other gratuitous service. It has had tried and true friends among its life members and others, who have come to its relief in time of need. Among its earlier benefactors were Stephen Van Rensselaer, from whom it derived its first gift of \$100; R. B. Huygens, Martin Van Buren, Rev. Dr. E. N. Kirk, Joel Munsell, Thomas W. Olcott, Thurlow Weed, William H. Dewitt and others. Edwin Forrest, the distinguished actor, gave the profits of a benefit January 8, 1834. Dr. George Cook, an English surgeon, sometimes resident here, made a donation of \$1,000, spent in useful books of his own selection, between 1834 and 1852, many of which remain in the library. The largest gift, up to this time, comes from a bequest of the late Hon. Erastus Corning, amounting to \$10,000, the benefit of which the Association has constantly realized. This pamphlet tells of the endowment of the Young Men's Association to the amount of nearly \$200,000.

It is creditable to the city. It speaks alike of the generosity of our citizens and of the place which this Association occupies among the institutions of our city.

HARMANUS BLEECKER.

[The following sketch of the life of Harmanus Bleecker, the extract from his will, the deed by his widow to the late Hon. John V. L. Pruyn, and his delegation of the trust to Judge Amasa J. Parker, was published in the Albany *Evening Times* of March 30, 1886.]

Some account of this public benefactor is now in order. Harmanus Bleecker was what the newspapers delight to call an "Old Albanian." He was the fifth in descent from Jan Jansen Bleecker, who came from Holland to New Amsterdam (now New York city) in 1658, and settled subsequently in Albany, where he died in 1732, at the age of ninety-one years. He was one of the first aldermen of this city named in its charter of 1686 and afterward held the office of recorder from 1696 to 1699, and of mayor in 1700. Two of his four sons, Rutger and Johannes, held, also, the offices of recorder and mayor of this city. Harmanus, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Wendell) Bleecker, was born October 9, 1779, and died at No. 42 Chapel street, July 19, 1849. His remains repose in lot sixty-one, section 3, Rural Cemetery, and his portrait hangs in the rooms of the Young Men's Association.

Having no taste for the mercantile pursuits of his father, he chose the profession of law. John V. Henry and James Emott, eminent counselors of that day, were his tutors. He was admitted to practice in 1801, when in his twenty-second year. Theodore Sedgwick, of Berkshire county, Mass., became his partner. The law partnership of Bleecker & Sedgwick continued many years, and gained an honorable and lucrative practice. Mr. Bleecker especially, had a State-wide reputation as an eminent advocate. His name is frequently found in the pages of the reports of the days of Kent, Spencer, and those other eminent lights of the law at that time connected with very important causes. Their office was thronged with students, many of whom

attained eminent rank in the legal profession. David Dudley Field, of New York, and Bradford R. Wood, of this city, and William H. Bogart, of Aurora, are still among the living. Later in his professional life Peter Seton Henry was his partner. In politics he was first a federalist, and represented this district in the Twelfth Congress, 1811 to 1813. In the sessions of 1814 and 1815 he was a member of the State Assembly. Later in life he was appointed chargé d'affaires to The Hague by his friend Martin Van Buren, and held that position from May, 1839, for many years. On the occasion of his going abroad a public dinner was given him as an expression of esteem by his fellow-citizens. Previous to this he had served on the commission to determine the boundary between New York and New Jersey, and declined the office of Adjutant-General tendered him by De Witt Clinton.

In literature he had a good classical education without graduation at college, and when retired from active life, he devoted himself to the studies of literature and theology with great zeal. In 1817 he was elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa of Union, and in 1843 received the degree of LL. D. from that college. It is said that he was a master of the Dutch language and literature, and spoke and wrote it with purity and elegance.

He was an active and judicious friend of popular learning. For some years he was a trustee of the Albany Academy. From 1822 to 1834 he was a Regent of the University, and at the time of his decease he had been for several years a valued member of the executive committee of the Normal School.

A man of religious thought and pure life, he attended the church of his father, of which Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman is now pastor, for most of his life. In 1811 he was on the first Board of Managers of the American Bible Society. In the latter part of his life he attended upon the Unitarian preaching in this city. On occasions of public gatherings he was often called to preside, which service he performed with grace, dignity and presence. The St. Nicholas Benevolent Society, which held in its membership the best Dutch blood of the city, honored him for many years with its presidency.

He married, while residing in Holland, Sebastiana Cornelia Mentz, of Arnhem, Holland, who came with him to Albany and

helped cheer his later years. He left no children, and having quite a handsome property, it was his desire that it should go after the death of his wife to the city of Albany. This, however, does not appear in his will, and his widow, to whom the property was left unreservedly, could have kept every dollar of it had she so chosen, as will be seen by the following residuary clause from the last will and testament of Harmanus Bleecker, proved and recorded September 8, 1849 :

THE ORIGINAL WILL.

I devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate, real and personal, to my beloved wife, Sebastiana Cornelia, to her sole and separate use, exclusive and independent of any husband she may have, so as not to be subject to his control, debts or contracts, or to any judgment or executions against him, or to any act or thing done or suffered by him, and so that such husband shall not in any event have any interest therein, and that she may dispose thereof, or any part thereof, by will or otherwise, in like manner, and with like effect, as if she was sole and unmarried.

I appoint my wife, Sebastiana Cornelia, executrix, and John V. L. Pruyn of the city of Albany, counselor-at-law, and Theodore Sedgewick, executors of this will.

Witnessed by Weare C. Little and Rufus G. Beardslie of Albany.

In due course of time the widow married Mr. Coster and went to the Netherlands, where she resided until her death. Before going, she executed the following deed of trust, which sets forth the full particulars of the gift to the city and the conditions controlling it.

THE GIFT TO THE CITY.

This indenture made the twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-two, between Sebastiana Cornelia Coster (late Sebastiana Cornelia Bleecker), widow of Harmanus Bleecker, late of the city of Albany, in the State of New York, deceased, and now the wife of Hendrick Coster, presently residing in the said city, of the first part; the said Hendrick Coster, of the second part; John V. L. Pruyn, of said city, counselor at law, of the third part.

WHEREAS, The said Harmanus Bleecker, departed this life at the city of Albany, aforesaid, on or about the 19th day of

July, 1849, and the said party of the first part, has lately intermarried with the said Hendrick Coster, of Alkmaan, in the kingdom of the Netherlands, and is now his wife, these presents, therefore, witness:

That the said party of the first part in consideration of the premises and of the sum of \$10, to her in hand paid by the said party of the second part, hereby gives and grants to the said party of the second part, from and immediately after the death of the said party of the first part, if the said party of the second part survive her, for and during the period of his natural life, the estate and property hereinafter described and mentioned; and

WHEREAS, The said Bleecker, by his last will and testament, bearing date the 15th day of October, 1847, and a codicil thereto bearing date the 30th day of April, 1849, after making certain specific legacies, gave and devised all the residue of his estate, both real and personal, comprising nearly the whole thereof to his wife the said Sebastiana Cornelia, to her sole and separate use exclusive and independent of any husband she might have, and afterwards and at the time in that behalf hereinbefore mentioned, departed this life at the said city of Albany without having in any way revoked said will, and the same was duly proved before the surrogate of the county of Albany as a will of both real and personal estate, and recorded as such on or about the 8th day of September, 1849, as by the said will or the record will more fully appear, on which said will, letters testamentary were issued by the said surrogate to the said Sebastiana Cornelia Bleecker, the executrix therein named; the said John V. L. Pruyn and Theodore Sedgewick executors named therein not having assumed the execution thereof; and

WHEREAS, The said Harmanus Bleecker (although the residuary devise and bequest so as aforesaid made by him, in and by his last will and testament, was made absolutely to his said wife without any trust in regard thereto or any limitation or condition whatever), intended, and such was the verbal understanding between himself and his said wife, that the capital or principal of the said estate and property so devised and bequeathed, or the great bulk thereof, should eventually be applied in some judicious way to be permanently beneficial to the said city of Albany, his native city; but not having finally decided upon the best manner of disposing of the same, in order to carry out and effectuate his intentions, made the devise and bequest thereof to his said wife, absolutely confiding in the integrity of her character for the eventual appropriation thereof in such manner as should, in her judgment, best tend to carry out his general views in regard thereto.

AND WHEREAS, The said Sebastiana Cornelia, with her said husband is now about to leave the United States for Europe, for a considerable period, and may be absent several years, and no scheme having as yet been fixed upon by her for the eventual appropriation of the said estate and property, and not considering it expedient nor harmonizing with the views of the said Harmanus Bleecker to perfect one at this time, she has considered it proper in view of her said contemplated absence and of the changes and uncertainty of life, to make the arrangement best suited in her judgment to secure the eventual fulfilment of the intentions of the said Harmanus Bleecker, by executing to the said John V. L. Pruyn, the conveyance and transfer to him in this instrument contained, trusting to his personal integrity to carry out eventually the views and wishes of the said Harmanus Bleecker in regard to the property so conveyed and transferred, in such manner as he shall deem best, with which views and wishes, he, as the personal friend of the said Harmanus Bleecker for many years before his death, became acquainted to a great extent. Now, therefore, this indenture witnesseth,

That the said party of the first part, in consideration of the premises, and of the sum of one dollar to her in hand paid by the said party of the third part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed, hath granted, bargained, transferred and conveyed, and doth hereby grant, bargain, transfer and convey to the said party of the third part, and to his heirs and assigns, from and immediately after the death of the said party of the first part, and of her husband, the said Hendrick Coster, should he survive her, all and singular, the estate and property, real and personal, hereinafter mentioned, and which belonged to the said Harmanus Bleecker at the time of his death, to wit:

The premises in the city of Albany bounded easterly in front by North Pearl street, northerly by Steuben street, westerly by Chapel street, and southerly by premises now or lately owned by Edward C. Delavan, with the six three-story brick dwelling-houses thereon, two fronting on each of said streets, that at the corner of Steuben and Chapel streets having been the residence of the said Harmanus Bleecker at the time of and for several years before his death. On these premises there was a mortgage at the time of the death of the said Harmanus Bleecker, originally given to the executors of the estate of Thomas Gould, deceased, on which about \$11,500 of principal money remained unpaid, and of which the said Sebastiana Cornelia has heretofore taken an assignment to protect and defend the title to the said premises.

Also on lots Nos. 10, 66, 67 and 122 on the Albany pier, as originally laid out by the commissioner for erecting the said pier, with all the rights, franchises and privileges belonging

thereto. On said lot No. 122, the said Sebastiana Cornelia has, since the death of the said Harmanus Bleecker, erected a brick building at the cost of about \$4,500.

One hundred and sixty-seven shares of \$100 each at par of the Utica and Schenectady Railroad Company, 110 shares of which now stand in the name of Sebastiana Cornelia Bleecker, and fifty-seven shares in the name of Sebastiana Cornelia Coster.

Thirty-three shares of the third increase of the stock of said company issued since the death of Harmanus Bleecker, on each of which shares \$60 have been paid subject to the further payment of \$40 on each of the said shares, being part of the thirty-nine shares which stand in the name of Sebastiana Cornelia Bleecker.

Two hundred and fifty-three shares of the capital stock of the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank in the city of Albany, of \$17 each, now standing in the name of Sebastiana Cornelia Bleecker. (As the charter of the bank is about expiring, it is understood that the present capital of this stock at par, or any part thereof, may be re-invested in any bank or banking association intended either wholly, or in part, to take the place of the present institution.

Thirty shares of \$20 each of the stock of the Albany Gas Light Company, standing in the name of the said Sebastiana Cornelia Bleecker.

To have and to hold the said estate and property above described and mentioned to the said John V. L. Pruyn from and immediately after the death of the said Sebastiana Cornelia and of the said Hendrick Coster, her present husband, if he survived her, and to his heirs and assigns forever. And although this grant is made and is hereby declared and intended to be made to the said party of the third part as fully and absolutely as the party of the first part can make the same, and without any qualification, trust, condition or limitation whatever, and without any accountability by him, legal or otherwise, to any court or tribunal on any pretense whatsoever; it is nevertheless so made by the party of the first part in the confident expectation and hope that the said party of the third part will faithfully apply the said property and the net proceeds thereof on the termination of the life estates therein of the said party of the first part of her said present husband, after deducting all such expenses and charges as he shall consider proper and reasonable, in such way and manner as he, in the exercise of his own judgment and discretion, by any plan or scheme to be fixed by him, either wholly or in part, and at any one time or from time to time before or after the termination of the said life estates, shall deem the most judicious and advisable in order to carry out the views and wishes of the said Harmanus Bleecker as hereinbefore referred to, without any accountability to any body, person or tribunal

for the way or manner in which he shall dispose of the said property and estate, or any part thereof, and it is declared to be the intention and express wish of the said party of the first part, that the party of the third part, before making such application, and from time to time until the same shall be made after the termination of the said life estate, shall retain for his use the sum of five per cent on all the moneys and the value of all the property and estate, which may be so applied by him as aforesaid, in carrying out the intention of the said Harmanus Bleecker, as aforesaid, as a compensation for his care and trouble in regard thereto, and it is also the expectation and desire of the party of the first part, that the party of the third part will, by his last will and testament, or otherwise, or by the passage of a law by the Legislature, to be applied for by him, in order to carry out and more effectually to secure the ultimate accomplishment of the object sought to be obtained hereby, in such form as may be deemed most advisable, provide for the protection and for the application of the property hereby absolutely conveyed and transferred to him as aforesaid in the event of his death before the termination of the said life estate therein of the parties of the first and second parts or before the eventual application thereof in like manner as he would have expected to apply the same if living. And, although the confidence hereby placed in the said party of the third part is large and unlimited, the party of the first part feels justified in so placing the same from what she well knows to have been the views of the said Harmanus Bleecker, deceased, in reference to the said party of the third part.

And it is hereby declared that in the execution of the personal confidence hereby placed in the party of the third part, whenever he may see fit or be authorized by law to carry out the same in due form, he shall not be personally liable for any investments or charges on the said estate, which he may see fit from time to time to make, and which he is expected to make, in such way and manner, and as often as he shall deem the same proper, or as incurring personal liability in any way as to the management, control or disposition of the said estate, or any part thereof; but the most liberal discretion is expected to be exercised by him in every way for the proper carrying out and execution of the personal confidence so placed in him as aforesaid.

And it is further declared to be the true intent and meaning of these presents that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to impair or affect the right of the said party of the first part to collect, receive and enjoy during the period of her natural life the rents, income and profits, ordinary and extraordinary, of the said estate and property hereinbefore described to and for her own use, and as her separate property and estate free from

the control of her said present or any future husband and not in any way or manner subject to his debts, control, disposition or management.

And it is further agreed that the buildings on the said real estate shall at all times be kept in suitable repair and condition and reasonably insured against loss by fire out of the rents and profits thereof. And in case of fire that the insurance moneys shall be applied, if considered most judicious by the said parties of the first and third parts, to the reconstruction of the building or buildings destroyed in such manner as may be considered most judicious.

It is hereby also agreed upon that the stocks hereinbefore referred to are to be transferred and held in such manner as the said Sebastiana Cornelia and the said party of the third part may agree upon in order to promote the convenience and secure the interest of both parties.

And the said party of the second part, in consideration of the premises and of the sum of \$10 to him in hand paid by the said party of the third part, doth hereby release and quit-claim to the said party of the third part all and singular any right, interest or estate he may have in or to the said property and estate hereinbefore conveyed and transferred to the said party of the third part, other than that given and granted to him, the said party of the second part, by the party of the first part.

In witness whereof said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above mentioned.

SEBASTIANA CORNELIA COSTER.	[L. S.]
HEND'K COSTER.	[L. S.]
JOHN V. L. PRUYN.	[L. S.]

State of New York, City of Albany.

Attested February 28, 1852, by Philip Ten Eyck, Commissioner of Deeds.

THE LAW ON THE SUBJECT.

The legacy having now come under control of the Hon. John V. L. Pruyn, late Chancellor of the University, he secured the passage of a special act which forms chapter 315, Laws of 1852, relative to certain property held by John V. L. Pruyn, and provides in substance:

That the real and personal property derived by Sebastiana Cornelia Coster, of Albany, from her former husband, Harmanus Bleecker, and which property, reserving a life interest therein, was transferred by Cornelia and her husband Hendrick Coster,

of the Kingdom of Netherlands, to John V. L. Pruyn, by indenture dated February 28, 1852, recorded in the county clerk's office March 3, 1852, and the proceeds of such property shall not be subject to the individual debts of said Pruyn. And it shall be lawful for him by any instrument in writing or by his last will and testament to provide, after the life estates so reserved, for the future management thereof, and for the application of the capital and incomes for such uses and purposes and to such person or persons or body corporate for such time and on such terms and conditions as the said J. V. L. Pruyn in his judgment and discretion may deem best calculated to carry out the views and intentions of the said Harmanus Bleecker, referred to in the said indenture, in desiring ultimately to make the said property beneficial to his native city.

TRANSFERRED TO JUDGE PARKER.

Mrs. Coster outlived Mr. Pruyn, who died November 21, 1877, and so long as her life interest continued, nothing could be done. Mr. Pruyn provided for the transfer of the trust, by the following clause in his will, as recorded January 17, 1878:

Fourteenth.—The real and personal property owned and held by me under and in virtue of a deed and transfer from Sebastiana Cornelia Coster (widow of Harmanus Bleecker, deceased) and Hendrick Coster, her husband, bearing date the 28th day of February, 1852, recorded in the clerk's office of the city and county of Albany, the second of March, 1852, and referred to in an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed April 15, 1852, I do give, devise and bequeath to Amasa J. Parker, of the city of Albany, absolutely and unconditionally in the said property referred to in the said deed, as fully and completely as I am thereby requested to do. I am sure that the honorable confidence reposed in me will thus be faithfully respected and fulfilled. An inventory of the said property as it existed on the 7th day of June, 1855, signed by me, will be found in a statement or account book, marked on the fly-leaf "Bleecker estate."

Mrs. Coster died on the 10th of April, 1885, and after concluding certain legal formalities in Holland, and considering several different plans for applying the property for the benefit of the city of Albany, Judge Parker, on the 13th of December, 1886, sent the following communication to the Young Men's Association:

To the Members of the Young Men's Association of the City of Albany:

I believe all agree that a public hall which will seat two thousand and five hundred persons, opening to the street upon the ground floor and made as nearly fire-proof as possible, is greatly needed in this city, and that the almost continued demand for such a hall would secure a large income to the owner; and I have been asked to so dispose of the Bleecker fund as to secure the construction of such a hall, and to have the income from it devoted to the promotion of the objects of your Association.

It is believed that by doing so the usefulness of your Association would be largely extended, and that it would enable you in due time, among other things, to establish free libraries in different parts of the city.

The Bleecker fund alone would not be sufficient to accomplish all that is desired, but I have been assured by members of your Association that an amount could be added from private subscriptions sufficient to secure the object in view.

I believe your Association to be a most desirable instrumentality for doing good, and I am ready to co-operate with it if I can be satisfied we can depend upon a successful result. But first I must know just what is thought best to be done by those belonging to your Association.

If, with the hall, a building is to be erected for the various uses of your Association, it is desired by many that a room should also be set apart in it for the Albany Institute, and another for the Historical Society, and it is necessary for you to decide just what building is to be erected, and to fix on its size and ascertain its cost, that I may make some distinct proposition to you as to the sum to be raised by subscription.

As to the means at my disposal I can say that, in addition to providing the land for the building, I can aid to the extent of about \$100,000, about \$60,000 of which is in real estate assessed at that sum, being the same real estate now held by you under lease from me, and about \$40,000 is in securities, readily convertible into cash, and reaching that amount at their present market value.

I am told the real estate is very desirable property, and can be sold for at least the sum named, but that might require time and cause delay.

If the Bleecker fund is to go for the benefit of your Association, I should much prefer that \$25,000 of it at least should remain on investment, and with the \$10,000 Corning fund it would assure you a reliable income independent of other means. This would give you the benefit of using about \$75,000 of the Bleecker fund in building, in addition to the cost of the land, in all, about \$100,000 for the building and lot.

With the aid and advice of some of the most valuable of your members I have selected a lot for the building on the north side of Washington avenue, between Dove and Lark streets, one hundred and twenty-two feet wide and three hundred and thirty feet deep. This would give ample room for a hall one hundred feet front and one hundred and fifty feet deep, and for such other building as may be decided upon.

If it cannot be made available for the purposes of your Association, I will use the land in giving some other direction to the Bleecker fund, but I should much prefer giving to your Association the benefit of it, and placing your institution on a firm and independent foundation.

After you have concluded what is best to be done and I am informed of your views and wishes, I will communicate further with you on the subject.

Of course, if your Association is to receive the benefit of this fund, and is to do what is proposed, it will be necessary to procure an amendment to your charter, enlarging your powers, and making, perhaps, other desirable changes.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of your Association, which has done much good in the past and, with larger means, can do very much more in the future, I am,

Yours respectfully,

AMASA J. PARKER.

ALBANY, *December* 13, 1886.

The Board of Managers of the Association, at a meeting held December 14, 1886, accepted the offer so generously made by Judge Parker, in the following resolution:

Resolved, "That the generous proposition of Hon. Amasa J. Parker, giving to the Y. M. A. the use of the Bleecker fund, for the building of a Public Hall and Library Building, to be under the management of the Association be accepted, and that this Association will endeavor to carry the same to a successful completion."

Upon the 20th January, 1887, at a joint conference of committees appointed from the life members, ex-presidents, board of managers and life trustees of the Young Men's Association, a committee was appointed to formulate the views and wishes of the Young Men's Association in relation to the proposition contained in the communication of Judge Parker to the Association. At a meeting held March 9, 1887, this committee reported as follows:

To the Members of the Joint Committee Representing the Life Members, ex-Presidents, Board of Managers and Life Trustees of the Young Men's Association.

GENTLEMEN.—The undersigned committee, appointed at a meeting held on the 20th day of January last to formulate the views and wishes of the Young Men's Association in relation to the proposition contained in the communication addressed by the Hon. Amasa J. Parker to the members of the Young Men's Association, would respectfully report that they have carefully considered the subject with reference to the present and future interests of our Association, having also in mind the welfare of the people resident in the city of Albany.

We have had, as a committee, frequent meetings with Hon. Amasa J. Parker, at which there has been a full and free discussion of the matter in all its bearings.

From him we have learned that his only wish is to do, as trustee of the estate of Harmanus Bleecker, that which will result in the greatest good to the community in which we live, and that he firmly believes the Young Men's Association to be the best instrumentality for attaining that end, and that the same may be reached by making it possible for the Young Men's Association to provide this city with a large, fully-equipped and well-arranged public hall.

Further, that it is the desire of Judge Parker that the Young Men's Association should not accept of any proposition which he might make, unless, by so doing, the institution will be materially benefited, and be the better able to increase its power for doing good.

He has said, in substance, to us: "I have, as trustee, a plot of ground on the north side of Washington avenue, one hundred and twenty-three feet wide by three hundred and thirty feet deep, running through to Elk street, and in addition about \$100,000, \$60,000 of which is invested in the property on North Pearl, Steuben and Chapel streets, where our library rooms now are, and \$40,000 of which is in personal property. Can and will the Association take all of this property, and with it erect a public hall upon the Washington avenue plot, and in the undertaking devise means whereby the Association will not only be able to assume the new responsibilities, but will also be stronger by reason thereof?"

Further than we have indicated, Judge Parker imposes no conditions upon our acceptance of the proposition. Having thus outlined what we believe to be the relations now existing between Judge Parker, as trustee, and the Young Men's Association, so far as the matter under advisement is concerned, we will now express our opinion as to the "views and wishes" of the Young Men's Association in reference thereto.

First. — It is the unanimous belief of this committee that the plot of ground on Washington avenue selected by Judge Parker is well adapted for the location of a public hall.

It is vacant, well graded, sloping gently to the north, reaching from street to street, upon one of the finest avenues of the city, easily reached from all parts, and so situated that it is most convenient to the great mass of the population of the city for the purposes for which it is intended.

Second. — That it is the wish of the Young Men's Association to avail itself of the offer made by Judge Parker, and to erect upon the land referred to a public hall.

Now as to the method to be adopted, your committee, in deciding upon that method, have been aided greatly by the services of architects and builders, who gave to us sketches and reliable estimates of the cost of such a building as we thought would be required, and guided by these estimates we recommended that the Association undertake the erection of a public hall upon the Washington avenue site, and that such building be placed upon the lot to the rear, leaving a space in front for a building, hereafter to be constructed, for the use of the Young Men's Association library; that the public hall shall be a building substantially built, capable of seating two thousand and five hundred persons, with the auditorium upon the ground floor, practically fire-proof and with all the most modern appliances. Such a building can be constructed and furnished complete for about \$95,000.

As to the means of securing the amount required, Judge Parker offers us \$40,000 in cash, the Association has in the hands of its trustees \$10,000, available, as we understand, for such purpose, making \$50,000 in all, exclusive of any money which might be realized by the sale of the property owned by Judge Parker as trustee, and now occupied by the Young Men's Association. In order that we may own the property just referred to, free from incumbrances, securing an income to the Association therefrom, and with a view of keeping the library and reading-rooms where they now are, until such time as it is deemed wise to remove them, we recommend that the sum of \$45,000 required to erect the hall over the sum of \$50,000, which we are now able to realise, be raised by subscription. This scheme, as outlined, making it possible for the Young Men's Association to own a public hall, which, with the land upon which it stands, will have cost \$122,000, and to own in addition the property on North Pearl street, corner Steuben street, assessed at \$63,000, which latter property will provide the Young Men's Association with library rooms, together with an income for its maintenance, and which will, no doubt, increase in value materially during the next few years. In other words, in order that the Young Men's Association may thus become the owner

of property valued at \$185,000, to be devoted entirely to the public benefit, it is necessary that the Young Men's Association shall secure by donation the sum of \$45,000.

We believe that the plan thus proposed, if approved of by you, is entirely practicable, and if carried out in the material points will result in the great public benefit such as has been conceived by Judge Parker.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. RUDD,
JOHN TEMPLETON,
J. TOWNSEND LANSING,
CHARLES J. BUCHANAN,
HARMON P. READ,
EDMUND L. JUDSON.

Dated ALBANY, N. Y., *March 9*, 1887.

Nothing of importance was, however, done toward raising the amount of money requisite to enable the Association to take advantage of the gift, until the 5th of October, 1887, when a joint meeting of the trustees and managers was held, and plans for raising the \$50,000 required were carefully considered. As a result of this meeting, a committee of Five was appointed to name a committee of Fifty who should commence at once the work of securing subscriptions. At the next meeting, the names of the following gentlemen were presented as such committee :

Board of Managers.

Eugene Brumaghim,	Chas. B. Dunham,
S. Ed. Miller, Jr.,	Henry E. Mereness,
G. James Greene,	Curtiss N. Douglas,
Frank Van Derzee,	Fred. Easton,
Chas. J. Buchanan,	Edw. McClaskey,
Thos. F. Wilkinson,	Wm. H. King,
Samuel C. Wooster,	Lansing B. Winne,
Dan'l A. Lawler,	Thompson L. Craig,
James W. Ten Eyck,	Wm. H. Smith.

Board of Trustees.

Erastus Corning,	Maurice E. Viele,
Henry R. Pierson,	Amasa J. Parker, Jr.,
John H. Van Antwerp,	Wm. P. Rudd.
Dudley Olcott,	

Citizens.

John Boyd Thacher,
Archibald McClure,
J. Howard King,
Thos. McCredie,
Dean Sage,
Edmund L. Judson,
Wm. Deyermant,
Grange Sard,
Chas. L. Pruyn,
Oren E. Wilson,
Richard L. Annesley,
Arthur L. Andrews,
Albert Hessberg,

Wm. H. Haskell,
H. S. Van Santvoord,
Willis G. Nash,
Geo. E. Oliver,
G. Henry Secor,
Harmon P. Read,
M. B. Sherman,
A. Rhodes Armington,
Wm. E. Scott,
Jas. H. Manning,
J. Irving Wendell,
T. J. Williams.

Eugene Brumaghim was chosen Chairman, and Dr. Lansing B. Winne, Secretary of this committee. Active work was at once begun; but the committee found it difficult to obtain subscriptions. The work was progressing, however, too slowly to insure success before January 1, 1888, the limit of time allowed by Judge Parker for the Association to avail itself of his offer. Something was necessary to arouse the citizens of Albany to the fact that this munificent gift was fast slipping away from them. At a meeting of the Committee of Fifty, held at the library rooms December 8, 1887, it was decided to call a public meeting of the citizens of Albany, to devise means to raise the amount required. A committee for that purpose was appointed, which accordingly issued the following circular:

“ALBANY, N. Y., *December 8, 1887.*

“DEAR SIR—The contributions for the public hall project aggregate only \$15,500, or considerably less than one-third of the \$50,000 required to enable the Young Men's Association to avail itself of the 'Bleecker Fund.' Only three weeks remain for the Association to secure this fund.

It has been suggested that a public meeting might arouse the citizens of Albany, and stimulate them to the necessity of prompt action in regard to this enterprise. Such a meeting has been called for eight o'clock P., M., the 14th inst., at the Common

Council chamber, in the City Hall. It is earnestly requested that you attend this meeting, and, by your presence, aid in furthering this measure.

Nothing but immediate action will be of the slightest avail.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES J. BUCHANAN,

ALBERT HESSBERG,

OREN E. WILSON,

WILLIAM P. RUDD,

EUGENE BRUMAGHIM

Committee."

At this public meeting, held December 14, 1887, Mayor John Boyd Thacher presided; John W. McNamara was appointed Secretary. Judge Parker plainly and concisely stated the amount and condition of the "Bleecker Fund;" his motives in giving it to the Association, and the benefits likely to result, both to it, and to the city, on account of the gift.

The following resolution was adopted at this meeting:

Resolved, That a committee of five persons, of which the mayor of Albany shall be chairman, be appointed with full power to confer and arrange with Judge Parker as to the proposed giving by him of the "Bleecker fund" to the Young Men's Association, and to make such other arrangements relative thereto, and to the raising of the additional sum of \$50,000, or any part thereof, by the citizens of Albany, as it may deem proper and expedient.

Said committee to be appointed by the chairman of this meeting on or before the 17th inst.

Mayor Thacher, as directed by the above resolution, appointed as such committee Messrs. John Boyd Thacher, Archibald McClure, Dudley Olcott, Dean Sage, and J. Howard King. On December 17, 1887, this committee published in the daily papers of the city the following appeal to the citizens of Albany:

To the Citizens of Albany:

Harmanus Bleecker left an estate of about \$80,000 to John V. L. Pruyn in trust, to be used for the benefit of the city of Albany as the latter, or his successor, might deem proper.

Mr. Pruyn delegated the execution of this trust to Judge Amasa J. Parker.

This property now amounts to about \$130,000, and consists of the real estate at present occupied in part by the Young Men's Association, two lots on the pier, and also the lots on Washington avenue, purchased by Judge Parker for the erection of a public hall, and in government bonds and railroad securities, all of which are above par.

It is optional with Judge Parker, by the terms of his trust, to what Albany institution or institutions he gives this property.

Because of the usefulness of the Young Men's Association, and because it is the city's nearest approach to a public library, Judge Parker offers to give this entire property to the Association, if the citizens will raise \$50,000, the full control of which and of the Harmanus Bleecker fund shall be vested in the life trustees of the Young Men's Association, at present consisting of Erastus Corning, Henry R. Pierson, Dudley Olcott, John H. Van Antwerp, Maurice E. Viele, Amasa J. Parker, Jr., William P. Rudd and the president, vice-president, and treasurer of the Young Men's Association, and the president of the Albany Institute, *ex officio*.

The only condition he imposes upon the Association is the raising of this \$50,000 by subscription on or before January 1, 1888.

The subscriptions need not be paid before May 1, 1888.

The \$50,000 to be subscribed is to be used in the building of a public hall of the capacity of two thousand five hundred.

By subscribing this \$50,000, the people of Albany will receive a property worth about \$180,000.

The Association will derive the income of the most of the fund, which will be invested for that purpose.

Is not this a good business investment for Albany, and one of which it should promptly avail itself?

The Association has for the last thirteen years received substantial assistance by way of a low rental from the Bleecker fund.

Unless this \$50,000 is raised by January 1, 1888, the prestige of the Young Men's Association is gone and its days are numbered.

If this money is not raised promptly the Association will be obliged to vacate its present quarters, which means the death of this old institution.

If this money is raised it will put the Association upon a sound, reliable basis, and its power to do good will be multiplied beyond expression.

The generosity of Albany was never invoked in behalf of a better enterprise. Albany has lost a great deal of money by not having a public hall, and this is the cheapest and most feasible way ever offered to procure it.

Is Albany willing to lose this great and lasting benefit by failing to raise the comparatively small sum of \$50,000, which will

make permanent the Young Men's Association, and secure a public hall which will be both an ornament and a source of revenue to the city? Twenty thousand dollars of the \$50,000 required has already been subscribed.

Subscriptions for the remaining \$30,000 can be sent to Dudley Olcott, treasurer, or to any member of the committee.

The committee, or persons representing them, will solicit for further subscriptions immediately.

JOHN BOYD THACHER,
ARCHIBALD MCCLURE,
DEAN SAGE,
DUDLEY OLCOTT,
Committee.

Dated ALBANY, N. Y., *December 17, 1887.*

Meetings were held daily at the mayor's office from this time. Subscriptions were solicited by all the committees hereinafter mentioned, and flowed in freely. The fund, amounting to \$16,000 December 17, 1887, was so increased, until, on the 31st of December, it approximated \$54,000. On the evening of December 31st, a committee consisting of Messrs. Brumaghim, Rudd and Buchanan, was appointed by the mayor to inform Judge Parker that the subscription had been raised. Judge Parker stated to this committee that he was much gratified at the result, and remarked that he would formally announce to the Association his acceptance of its action in raising the money, in accordance with his original proposition to it. On the 2d of January, 1888, Judge Parker sent the following communication to the President of the Association:

“ALBANY, *January 2, 1888.*

“MR. EUGENE BRUMAGHIM, *President, etc.:*

“DEAR SIR. — Having been notified by you that the sum of \$50,000 has been subscribed toward the building of the proposed ‘Public Hall,’ I state that I am now ready to convey to the Young Men's Association, the real property now held by lease from me, and to pay over to the treasurer of the life trustees of your Association, the sum of \$40,000, as agreed. There will be some little delay in my conveying the land on which the hall is to be erected, consequent upon the substituting of new lots for those taken for the armory. I trust, however, the proceedings to condemn the lots taken for the armory will soon be completed.

The property conveyed to the Association will be conveyed by absolute deeds, and will not be incumbered with any conditions subsequent as to the use to be made of it, which might cause hereafter a question of title. I rely, however, with entire confidence, on the understanding reached after full consultation with the life trustees of your Association, that there shall be no unnecessary delay in their proceeding to erect on the land conveyed, a hall for public use, upon the ground floor, capable of seating 2,500 persons, with not more than one gallery, with passage ways on the outside of each side of the building, and with doors opening outward on every side, so that in case of fire or panic the hall could be emptied with absolute safety in a few minutes; no building to be erected on the land nearer to the north side of Washington avenue, than twenty-eight feet, and the hall to be constructed of such material as shall make it as nearly fire proof as the means furnished will allow.

I am sure all will agree, as did the life trustees in my conference with them, that there shall be chiseled over the front door, the words 'Harmanus Bleeker Hall.' It will thus be made an enduring monument to the memory of the generous donor.

It is confidently believed by those who have considered the subject, that, with the funds now provided, the best public hall in the State can be erected, and one which will attract to it frequent and large audiences in the future, and lead to the selection of this city as the best place for large conventions.

It was also understood in my conference with the life members, that the means of the Association derived as well from the avails of this hall as from the other land conveyed to it, shall be used for the establishing of one or more free public libraries for the benefit of the citizens of Albany.

The business interests of the city of Albany will be largely promoted by the use of the public hall, and the intellectual improvement of the citizens, by the library; and the city will thus be doubly benefited by the proposed application of the funds.

I believe that in the disposition I have made of the funds, I have carried out the well known wishes of Mr. Bleeker, as expressed during the last years of his life. He was a man of broad and liberal views, and he desired that the gift, when applied, should be made to promote, as far as possible, the interests of all the citizens of the city of Albany.

It is in accordance with these views, that the Young Men's Association has been selected as the object of Mr. Bleeker's bounty. Your Association represents all the people of the city. It includes within its folds all sects, all parties, all nationalities. All share in its labors and in its benefits. All combine their efforts for mutual improvement, and for intellectual and moral advancement. This is in every respect in accordance with the

policy on which our government was established, that of absolute equality of political right, and of entire independence and full protection of the rights of conscience, without both of which our government would be a failure. Membership, activity and interest in your Association involve no surrender of personal belief or of convictions of duty; but they tend, by bringing persons who differ into such friendly intercourse, to break down the walls of bigotry and prejudice which too often separate sects and parties, and to promote feelings of toleration and respect and habits of courtesy towards those from whom we differ. In short, such intercourse between the young men of your Association, with the improvement thus secured to them, goes far to prepare them for the high and sacred duties of citizenship which will soon devolve on them.

Our hope for the future is in the young men of the country. Upon them we must depend for defending the principles to which I have referred, without which our government would be worthless.

That Mrs. Bleecker, who so honorably surrendered the property to carry out the wishes of her husband, when she was not legally bound to do so, would approve what I have done, is placed beyond all question, by the fact that she consented some years ago to the renting of the real estate by Mr. Pruyn to your Association for a much less rent than could have been otherwise obtained, for the sole purpose of promoting the objects of your institution, thus disinterestedly lessening her own income to help sustain your Association.

In the sincere hope that great good may be accomplished by what we have done and with thanks, as a citizen, for your energetic and successful efforts. I am,

Very truly yours, etc.,

AMASA J. PARKER.

Judge Parker, on January 7, 1888, transferred the entire "Bleecker Fund" to the Association.

Upon the 10th of January, the Board of Managers adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Harmanus Bleecker, a former resident of Albany, left a large estate, aggregating about \$80,000, giving his wife a life interest in the same, and requesting that she make the city of Albany or some of its institutions the beneficiary of this property after her death. Knowing the affection which her husband had for Albany, and both respecting and sharing his wishes relative to the final vesting of his estate for the benefit of the same, the wife conveyed the property in trust to the late

John V. L. Pruyn, who, in turn, delegated the final execution and fulfilment of the trust to Judge Amasa J. Parker.

Under both deeds of conveyance it was left entirely optional with the trustees when, how and to what institution the property should go.

After Mrs. Coster (formerly Mrs. Harmanus Bleecker) died, Judge Parker, because of the usefulness and catholicity of the Young Men's Association, and because of its being Albany's nearest approach to a public library, offered to give the entire Bleecker property, amounting by judicious management to about \$130,000, to the Association upon the sole condition that it would raise the additional sum of \$50,000 on or before January 1, 1888, to be used, together with a part of the trust estate, to build a public hall, the full use and control of which, and of the Bleecker fund, should be vested in the life trustees of the Association for its individual benefit and advantage.

The remainder of the fund not used for the building of the hall is to be invested for the benefit of the Association.

The Association, for the last thirteen years, has received substantial assistance by way of low rentals from the Bleecker property, its present home, without which it would have been seriously embarrassed and its usefulness thereby impaired.

The citizens of Albany and others have generously subscribed nearly \$56,000 to enable the Association to accept Judge Parker's magnanimous offer.

The entire Bleecker estate has been turned over to the Association, thus placing it upon a sound and reliable basis and thereby increasing its power to do good and to benefit the public generally.

Therefore, Cherishing the memories and holding in grateful remembrance the munificent generosity of both Harmanus Bleecker and his wife, it is

Resolved, That the thanks and gratitude of the Young Men's Association be and hereby are extended to Judge Amasa J. Parker for his gift to it of the Bleecker fund.

That we hereby make our grateful acknowledgments to the citizens of Albany, and to all others who have subscribed and aided in the securing for the Association of the Bleecker Fund.

That whilst we ignore no efforts nor assistance from any source whatsoever, and disclaiming any intent to make invidious distinction or reference to any individual actions in our behalf, we feel that to the labors of the newspapers of our city and of John Boyd Thacher, mayor of Albany, we are largely indebted for the success of our undertaking to raise this sum which has placed the "Bleecker fund" at our disposal and to our benefit.

That to all and every of the persons who have subscribed to said sum \$50 or upwards, the usual life membership certificates be issued upon their paying their several subscriptions.

That the foregoing be entered upon the minutes, published in the daily newspapers, and that the president of the Association inform Judge Parker and Mayor Thacher individually and expressly in writing of our acknowledgments to them for their distinguished offices in our behalf.

On the evening of December 31, 1887, a concert was given in Union Hall in aid of the "Public Hall Fund," the hall having been donated by the Young Men's Catholic Union. The following programme was carried out under the direction of Mr. F. W. Mills, organist of St. Peter's Church :

PART I.

Chorus — "The Stars that above Us are Shining".....	Weber St. Peter's Church Choir.
Duett — "Crucifix".....	Faure Messrs. Ernest D. Sweet and Edward McClaskey.
Contralto Solo — "The Proposal".....	Strelezki Miss Gertrude Stein.
Tenor Solo — Mignon.....	Thomas Mr. James J. Beresford.
Reading, "The Chariot Race," from "Ben Hur".....	Wallace Miss Agnes R. Davison.
Aria — Posa la Roca.....	Marchesi Mrs. W. J. Bentley.
Baritone Solo — "Storm and Sunshine".....	Buck Mr. E. A. Kellogg.
Recitation, "The Burning Ship".....	McNaughton Mr. Thomas J. Lanahan.
Cornet Solo — Fantasie.....	Hartman Mr. D. H. Stubblebein.

PART II.

Bridal Chorus — "The Rose Maiden".....	Cowan St. Peter's Church Choir.
Soprano Solo.....	Selected Mrs. O. C. Shafer.
Bass Solo — "Will o' the Wisp".....	Cherry Mr. Townsend Fellows.
Contralto Solo — "Where the Lindens Bloom".....	Buck Miss Augusta A. Lewi.
Reading, "Jem's Last Ride".....	Anon. Miss Theresa F. Smith.
Aria — Flower Song (Faust).....	Gounod Mrs. R. J. Doolan.
Recitation, "Dandy Fifth".....	Gassaway Mr. Eugene Brumaghim.
Chorus — We are Singers, Singing Blithely.....	Rossini St. Peter's Church Choir.

The committee is under obligations to Messrs. Cluett & Sons for the Steinway concert grand piano used on this occasion; to Frank C. Green for the removal of the same to and from the hall; also, to John Ebel, R. G. Wilbur, and Mrs. Mary Harris, for the use of carriages. The services of all participants were given gratuitously.

In order to awaken a general interest and to systematize the work, the following committees were named to canvass the business interests, trades and professions, and to their work is due a great deal of the credit for the success of the subscription :

Insurance — W. W. Byington, R. V. Dewitt, Thomas Austin, Max Kurth, T. J. Williams.

Banks — I. D. F. Lansing, Thomas W. Cantwell, Henry W. Garfield, William Bruce, Benj. R. Spelman, Jr., Willis G. Nash.

The Press — James H. Manning and George B. Gallup, The Argus ; John A. Sleicher and Thomas Sammons, the Journal ; S. N. D. North and John D. Whish, the Express; John H. Farrell and H. W. Smith, the Press and Knickerbocker; T. C. Callicott and H. P. Phelps, the Evening Times; F. W. White and G. E. Graham, the Union; R. M. Griffin and Montgomery Griffin, the Post; August Miggael, the Freie Blaetter; Jacob Heinmiller, the Herold.

Public Officers — William G. Rice, Andrew S. Draper, Elliot Danforth, W. H. Terrell, William H. Haskell.

Trades and Labor Organizations — Thomas J. Dowling.

Lawyers — Chas. J. Buchanan, Albert Hessberg, Arthur L. Andrews, Thos. F. Wilkinson, Wm. P. Rudd, Wm. H. King.

Physicians and Druggists — Henry E. Mereness, L. B. Winne, Wm. E. Scott, Charles H. Gaus, Herman Bendell.

Grocers, Wholesale and Retail — Chas. B. Dunham, Fred. A. Sarauw, Sam'l C. Wooster, Wm. H. Smith, G. James Greene.

Hotels and Boarding Houses — M. B. Sherman, S. Ed. Miller, Jr., Frank Vanderzee, James W. Ten Eyck, G. Henry Secor.

Livery Stables, Carriage Builders, Feed Stores and Harness Makers — Dr. Edward Moore, Geo. L. Russell, R. G. Wilbur, A. R. Armington, John H. Quinby.

Lumber Dealers — Dean Sage, H. S. Van Santvoord, Curtis N. Douglas, Thompson S. Craig, Fred. Easton, Daniel A. Lawler.

Coal Dealers — Vreeland H. Youngman, chairman; John G. Burch, Francis N. Sill, William McEwan and T. C. Rafferty.

Musical Profession — Ed. McClaskey, C. Edgar Wendell, Townsend H. Fellows, John L. Gartland and Frank Vanderzee.

Railroad Offices — Charles S. Pease, Will. L. Lloyd, James W. Hutt, John L. Van Valkenburg, Charles V. Winne and E. E. French.

Clergy — Rev. Dr. Walton W. Battershall, Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, Rev. Albert Foster, Rev. Dr. Wesley R. Davis, Rev. Fathers E. A. Terry, John Hanlon and T. M. A. Burke, Rev. H. A. Starks, Rev. Dr. Max Schlessinger, Rev. Dr. Smart, Rev. C. L. Jackson, Rev. Mr. Rogers, Rev. Geo. W. Miller and Rev. Dr. Henry M. King.

Masonic Societies — Hon. Edmund L. Judson.

G. A. R. Posts — Stephen P. Corliss.

Knights of Pythias — John C. Nott, John J. Acker.

I. O. O. F. Lodges — Fred. W. Cole.

Military — Col. Wm. E. Fitch.

A. O. U. W. — S. V. B. Swann, Chas. W. Mead.

Hebrew Societies — K. A. Ilch.

St. Andrew's Society — Peter Kinnear.

St. George's Society — Edward Ogden.

Board of Aldermen.

Patrick McCann, *President.*

Patrick McCann, Galen R. Hitt, *At Large.*

Ward.

- 1st. Fred. W. Klaar.
- 2d. Chris. Fleming.
- 3d. Wm. A. Donahoe.
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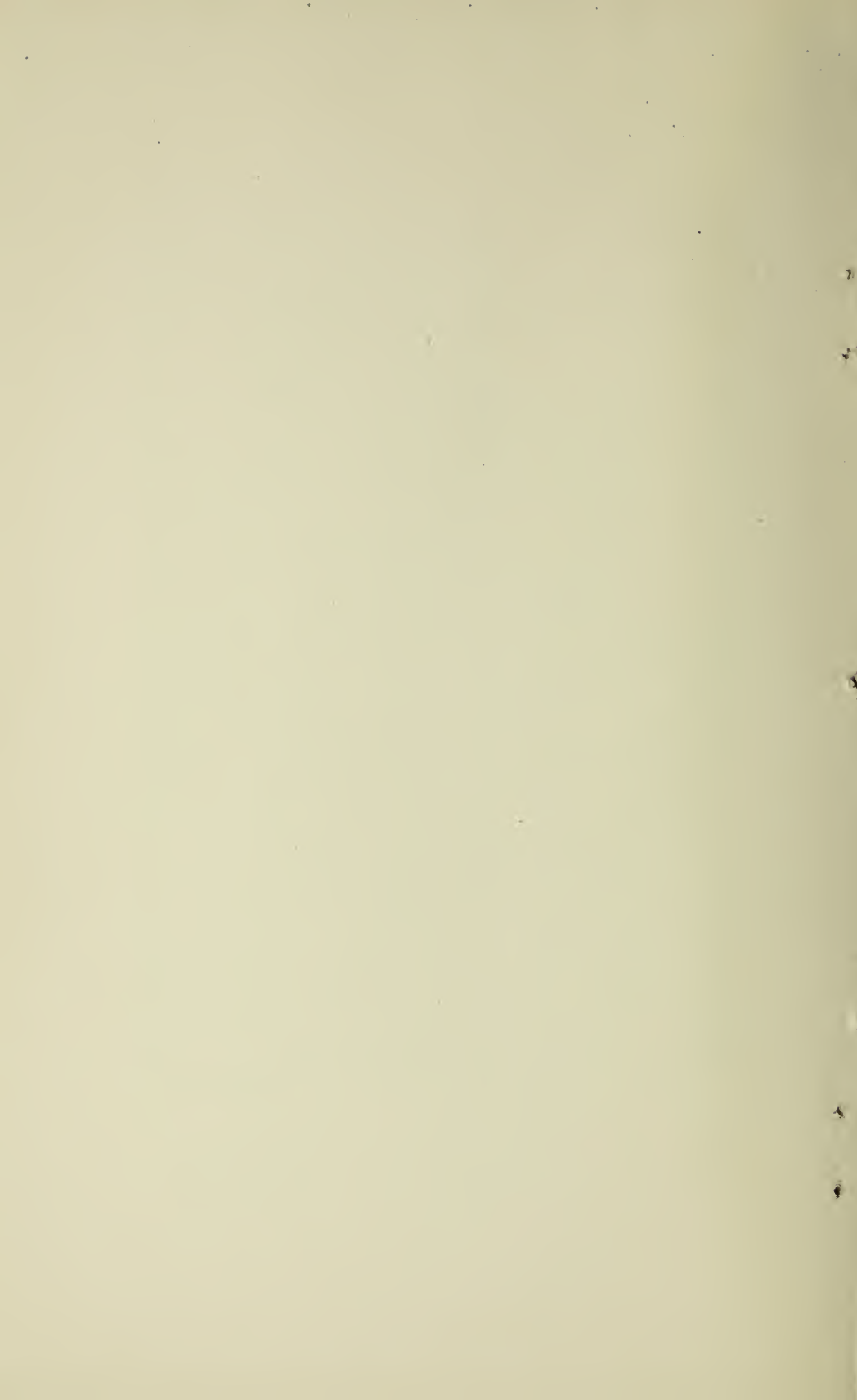
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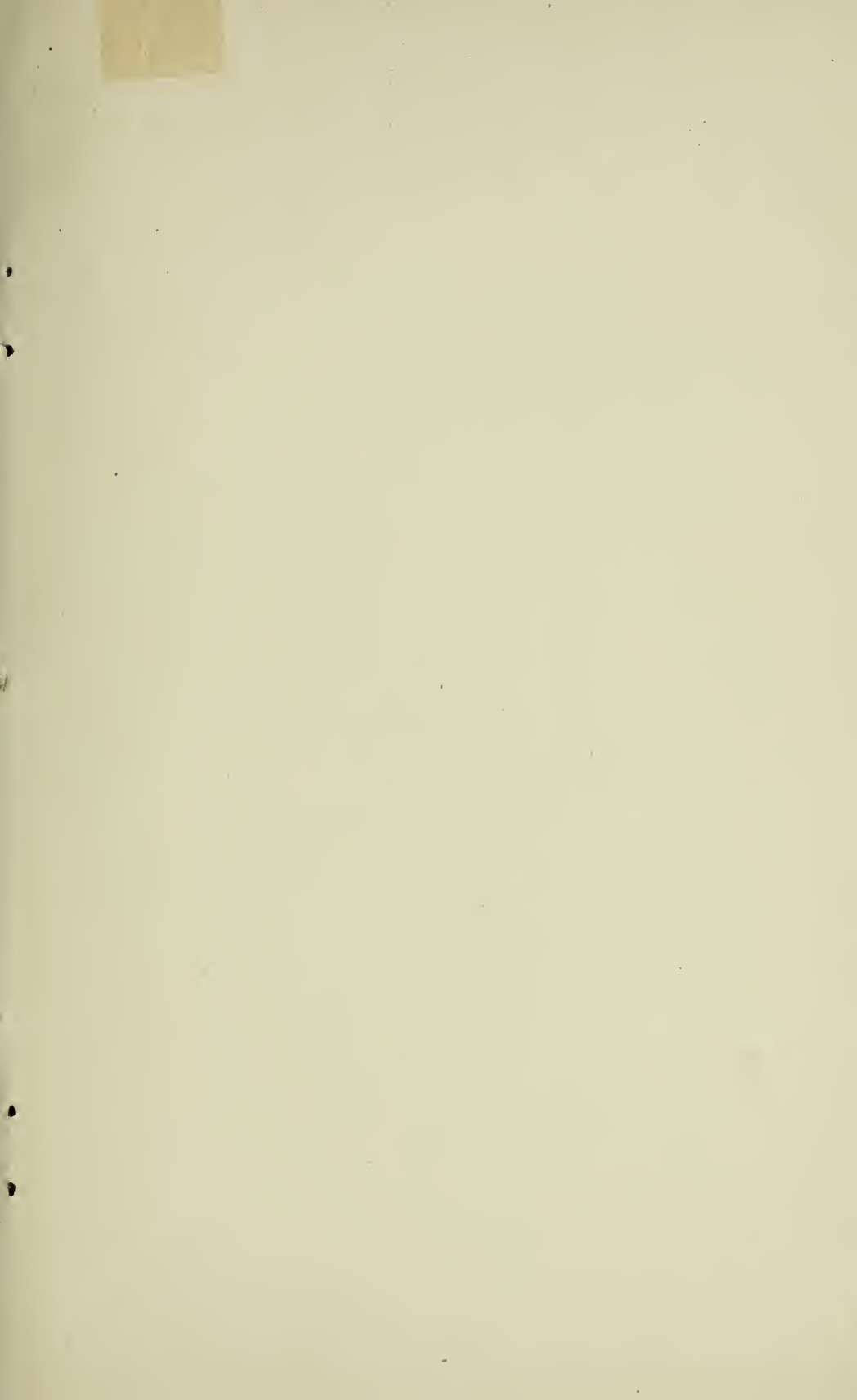
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